ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 2011-002

1. PROJECT TITLE: MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT REGULATING

THE USE OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS AND RECYCLABLE PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS AND PROMOTING THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS

2. LEAD AGENCY: City of Huntington Beach

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3. PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

4. PROJECT PROPONENT: Same as Lead Agency

5. GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Various

6. **ZONING:** Various

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves the adoption of a proposed ordinance (Ordinance) by the City of Huntington Beach City Council that would prohibit distribution of plastic carry-out bags in commercial point of sale purchases within the City of Huntington Beach, and establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags at all grocery stores and supermarkets, drug stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, foodmarts and Huntington Beach farmer's markets. All stores affected by the proposed ordinance would be required to provide resusable bags to customers either for sale or at no charge, and each store would be strongly encouraged to promote the use of reusable bags through staff education and customer outreach.

Stores located within Huntington Beach that would be affected include the following:

- 1. A full-line, self-service retail store with gross annual sales of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), or more, that sells a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable items;
- 2. A store of at least ten thousand (10,000) square feet of retail space that generates sales or use tax pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5

(commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code) and that has a pharmacy licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code; or

3. A drug store, pharmacy, supermarket, grocery store, convenience food store, food mart, or other entity engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods that includes milk, bread, soda, snack foods, including those stores with a Type 20 or 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The Ordinance would also prohibit the distribution of compostable and biodegradable plastic carry-out bags, as they are included in the definition of a plastic carry-out bag. The Ordinance would impose a ten (10) cent charge on recyclable paper carry-out bags, and requires that the paper bags be one hundred percent (100%) recyclable overall, contain a minimum of forty percent (40%) post-consumer recycled material, and be accepted for recycling in curbside programs within the City, among other criteria. The Ordinance further requires that reusable bags be specifically designed and manufactured for a minimum lifetime of 125 uses, be machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned or disinfected, does not contain lead, cadmium, or other heavy element in toxic amounts, among other criteria. Plastic bags that are a minimum of 2.25 mils thick are considered to be reusable bags per the definition in the Ordinance.

The Ordinance would exempt from the ten (10) cent charge those customers who are participating in either the California Special Supplemental Food Program for the Women, Infants, and Children or the Supplemental Food Program. All applicable stores must provide at the point of sale, free of charge, either reusable bags or recyclable paper carry-out bags or both, to these customers, at the store's option. Customers will have the option to use their own reusable bags, or no bag at all.

8. SURROUNDING LAND USES AND SETTING:

Located in north Orange County, Huntington Beach is bordered by the Cities of Seal Beach, Westminster and Fountain Valley to the north, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach to the southeast, and the Pacific Ocean along an approximately 9.5 mile southwestern boundary. Surrounding uses include residential, commercial, public/semi-public and industrial.

9. OTHER PREVIOUS RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

Green Cities California, a local government coalition, produced a Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) that summarizes existing studies on the environmental impacts of single use plastic, paper, compostable and reusable bags, as well as the impacts of policy options such as fees and bans on bags. Other Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), EIR Addendums or Mitigated Negative Declarations (MND) have been processed in several jurisdictions in Southern California including Los Angeles County, City of Long Beach, City of Santa Monica, City of Manhattan Beach and City of Calabasas.

10. OTHER AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (AND PERMITS NEEDED):

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one

impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or is "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages. ☐ Land Use / Planning ☐ Public Services ☐ Transportation / Traffic ☐ Population / Housing ☑ Biological Resources ☐ Utilities / Service Systems ☐ Geology / Soils ☐ Mineral Resources ☐ Aesthetics ☑ Hydrology / Water Quality ☐ Cultural Resources ☐ Hazards and Hazardous Materials ✓ Air Quality ☐ Noise ☐ Recreation ☐ Agriculture Resources ✓ Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mandatory Findings of Significance **DETERMINATION** (To be completed by the Lead Agency) On the basis of this initial evaluation: I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, П and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE **DECLARATION** will be prepared. I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required. I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or a "potentially significant unless mitigated impact" on the environment, but at least one impact (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or miligated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation neasures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is Date
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to the project. A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards.
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved. Answers should address off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate, if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is warranted.
- 4. Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures may be cross-referenced).
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XIX at the end of the checklist.
- 6. References to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances) have been incorporated into the checklist. A source list has been provided in Section XIX. Other sources used or individuals contacted have been cited in the respective discussions.
- 7. The following checklist has been formatted after Appendix G of Chapter 3, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, but has been augmented to reflect the City of Huntington Beach's requirements.

SAMPLE QUESTION:					
ISSUES (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
Would the proposal result in or expose people to potential impacts involving:					
Landslides? (Sources: 1, 6)				$\overline{\checkmark}$	
Discussion: The attached source list explains that 1 is the Huntington Beach General Plan and 6 is a topographical map of the area which show that the area is located in a flat area. (Note: This response probably would not require further explanation).					

ISS	SUE	S (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I.	<u>LA</u>	AND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:				
	a)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? (Sources: 1, 2)				V
	b)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? (Sources: 1)				Ø
	c)	Physically divide an established community? (Sources: 3)				\square
		Discussion a) – c): The proposed project requires an ame adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribute purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent chapses. The proposed ordinance would not result in any land plan or policy, nor conflict with any habitat or natural conwould not physically divide an established community. No required.	ion of plastic arge on the is I use changes amunity cons	carry-out bags ssuance of recy s, conflict with servation plan.	s in point of so clable paper any applicate The propose	ale carry-out ble land use d project
II.	a)	DPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project: Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extensions of roads or other infrastructure)? (Sources: 1)				Ø
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? (Sources: 1)				Ø
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? (Sources: 1)				Ø
		Discussion a) $-$ c): The proposed project involves adopted of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywic issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project whousing and would not generate population either directly	le and would ould not con	establish a ter tribute to deve	n (10) cent chelopment of a	arge on the dditional

existing housing or existing residents and would not require any replacement housing. No impacts would occur

Less Than Potentially Unless Significant Mitigation Significant ISSUES (and Supporting Information Sources): Impact Incorporated **Impact** No Impact and no further analysis is required. **III.GEOLOGY AND SOILS.** Would the project: a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on П П M the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Sources: 1) ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? (Sources: 1) П П \square iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including $\overline{\mathbf{M}}$ liquefaction? (Sources: 1) Landslides? (Sources: 1) П П M П Discussion: The City of Huntington Beach is located in a seismically active region of Southern California and is subject to strong ground shaking in the event of an earthquake, as well as seismic-related ground failure such as liquefaction. However, the proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide only. The project does not include any development, thus implementation of the proposed ordinance would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, strong seismic ground shaking, or seismic related ground failure. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required. Result in substantial soil erosion, loss of topsoil, or П П П M changes in topography or unstable soil conditions from excavation, grading, or fill? (Sources: 1) c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or \square that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? (Sources: 1) d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B \square of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? (Sources: 1)

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e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? (Sources: 1)				Ø
	Discussion b) $-$ e): As discussed in Section III(a) above, therefore would not result in soil erosion, loss of topsoil of project would not place structures or people in areas that a create any risks associated with expansive soils. Addition adequately supporting the use of septic or wastewater dispanalysis is required.	or involve exc are located of ally, the proj posal systems	cavation, grading expansive so ect would not i	ng or fill acti il, and would nvolve soils	vities. The therefore not incapable of
	YDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the oject:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)				
	Discussion: The proposed project involves adoption of a plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. It is anticipat incrementally reduce the amount of litter in the City that quality. However, potential increased reliance on paper cawastes that can potentially impact water quality or waste bags could also potentially affect water quality if reuseab that enters the storm drain system. Potentially significant manufacturing processes will be further analyzed by the processes.	and would ested that the resenters the stourng-out bags discharge realle bags are in water quality	stablish a ten (I duction of plas rm drains, ther may result in quirements. The nproperly dispo	(0) cent chargestic carry-out eby improvirincreased made promotion cosed of and b	ge on the bags would ng water nufacturing of reuseable
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)				Ø
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off-site? (Sources: 16, 10)	l L			☑
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a				\square

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ISSUES (and Supporting Information Sources):

stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount or surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off-site? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)

Discussion b) - **d):** The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project does not include any development, and implementation of the proposed ordinance would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of a site or area, deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)	☑			
	Discussion: See Discussion under Section IV(a).				
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)	Ø			
	Discussion: See discussion under Section IV(a).				
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? (Sources: 1, 4, 10)				Ø
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? (Sources: 1, 4, 10)				Ø
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? (Sources: 1, 4, 10)				Ø
	Discussion g) – i): Although some areas in Huntington Beach ordinance are located within a 100-year Flood Zone area, the and drainage patterns would not be affected upon implementa would not result in impacts to hydrology and water quality relanalysis is required.	ordinance d tion. There	loes not includ fore, the City'	le any new de s proposed or	velopment dinance
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? (Sources: 1)		_		
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Discussion: The proposed ordinance would affect some areas in Huntington Beach that are located near the Pacific Ocean and could be subject to seiche or tsunami. However, implementation of the ordinance would include any new development and would not result in an increase in population. Therefore, the proposed ordinance would not be expected to increase the risk and hazard to individuals residing in areas that lie in the vicinity of coastal waters of being subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami or mudflow. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.						
k)	Potentially impact stormwater runoff from construction activities? (Sources: 1, 6)				Ø	
1)	Potentially impact stormwater runoff from post- construction activities? (Sources: 1, 6)				Ø	
	Discussion k) - l): The proposed project involves adoption of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project doe implementation of the proposed ordinance would not impact construction activities. No impacts would occur and no furth	and would es s not include t stormwater	stablish a ten (any developm runoff from co	(10) cent charnent, and	ge on the	
m)	Result in a potential for discharge of stormwater pollutants from areas of material storage, vehicle or equipment fueling, vehicle or equipment maintenance (including washing), waste handling, hazardous materials handling or storage, delivery areas, loading docks or other outdoor work areas? (Sources: 1, 6)	Ø				
	Discussion: The proposed project involves adoption of an oplastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide an issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. A large proport a landfill. Even bags collected by recycling and solid waste may blow away as litter and can enter storm drains or be transignificant impacts from carry-out bags as waste in relation analyzed by the project EIR.	d would estaltion of carry-outrucks and hansported to the	olish a ten (10 out bags disca andled at trans ne Pacific Oce) cent charge rded end up a fer stations a can. Potential	on the as litter or in and landfills by	
n)	Result in the potential for discharge of stormwater to affect the beneficial uses of the receiving waters? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)	Ø				

ISSUES (and Supporting Information Sources): Impact Incorporated **Impact** No Impact **Discussion:** The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. Urban runoff from rainfall and non-stormwater runoff from human activities is collected and transported through the City's storm drain system and ultimately discharged into the Pacific Ocean. Carry-out bags that enter the storm drain system as a result of litter may affect storm water flow by clogging drains, redirecting flow, or ultimately be released into the Pacific Ocean. These impacts can affect the beneficial uses of the Pacific Ocean by contaminating and visually degrading the marine ecosystem. Impacts related to the discharge of carry-out bag litter into the Pacific Ocean are potentially significant and will be analyzed by the project EIR. Create or contribute significant increases in the flow M velocity or volume of stormwater runoff to cause environmental harm? (Sources: 1, 6, 10) **Discussion:** The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project does not include any development, and implementation of the proposed ordinance would not require construction of new structures or additional stormwater infrastructure. Although plastic bag litter can block waterways resulting in changes in waterflow to surrounding areas, it is not the sole source. Implementation of the proposed ordinance and the prohibition of the distribution of plastic carry-out bags would reduce negative impacts to flow velocity or volume of stormwater runoff. Additionally, the capacity of existing storm water drainage systems would remain unchanged. Less than significant impacts would occur and no further analysis is required. Create or contribute significant increases in erosion of the $\sqrt{}$ project site or surrounding areas? (Sources: 1, 6, 10) Discussion: The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project does not include any development, and would not create or contribute increases in erosion. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required. V. AIR QUALITY. The city has identified the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district as appropriate to make the following determinations. Would the project: Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially \square П П П to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Sources: 1, 5, 10) **Discussion:** The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project does not include any development, and would not

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result in regional or localized construction impacts to air quality. However, operational impacts including indirect emissions based on life-cycle assessments of carry-out bags, pollutant emissions resulting from disposal of paper carry-out bags in landfills and emissions resulting from delivery trips may result in

Potentially Significant Potentially Unless Less Than Significant Mitigation Significant ISSUES (and Supporting Information Sources): **Impact** Incorporated **Impact** No Impact potentially significant impacts to air quality, and will be further analyzed in the project EIR. b) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant П \square П concentrations? (Sources: 5) **Discussion:** The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. Sensitive receptors can include residences, schools, playgrounds, athletic facilities, healthcare facilities, and retirement homes. There are many sensitive receptors within the City of Huntington Beach; however, the proposed ordinance does not include any development or construction activitites, and would be expected to result in less than significant impacts to air quality in relation to the exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. No further analysis is required.

Discussion: The proposed ordinance would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags, which would not result in any new development or construction activity and, therefore, would not create any objectionable odors. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

d) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Sources: 5)

Discussion: The project site is within the South Coast Air Basin, which is under the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The local air quality management agency is required to monitor air pollutant levels to ensure that the air quality standards are met and, if they're not met, to develop strategies to meet the standards.

Depending on whether or not the standards are met or exceeded, the air basin is classified as being in 'attainment' or 'non-attainment'. The South Coast Air Basin is in nonattainment for both federal and state standards for ozone and particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}). The basin currently exceeds several state and federal ambient air quality standards and is required to implement strategies that would reduce pollutant levels to recognized acceptable standards. This non-attainment status is a result of several factors, the primary ones being the naturally adverse meteorological conditions that limit the dispersion and diffusion of pollutants, the limited capacity of the local airshed to eliminate pollutants in the air, and the number, type, and density of emission sources within the South Coast Air Basin. The SCAQMD has adopted an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) that provides a strategy for the attainment of state and federal air quality standards.

The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. Generally, a project would conflict with or potentially obstruct implementation of an air quality plan if the project would contribute to population growth in excess of that forecasted in the AQMP. The proposed ordinance does not include the construction of residences or other physical structures and would not otherwise involve population growth. Therefore, the proposed ordinance would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the AQMP and no further analysis is required.

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e)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (Sources: 5)				
	Discussion: Although the proposed ordinance is intended bags and promote a shift towards use of reusable bags in F of truck trips associated with delivering and distributing coperational emissions. Impacts related to long-term emissions.	Huntington B arry-out bags	each, a potenti s to retailers co	al change in uld increase	the number long-term
VI. <u>T</u>	RANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:				
a)	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? (Sources: 1)			☑	
b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? (Sources: 1)			☑	
	Discussion a) $-$ b): The proposed project involves adopted distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purches charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. amount of plastic and paper carry-out bags and promote a ordinance does not include any physical development or excould alter regional truck trips associated with delivering bags would generate a negligible change in regional vehicle plan, ordinance or policy measuring the performance of the travel patterns would not impact existing level of service sor highway congestion. Less than significant impacts would	ases citywid The propose shift towards onstruction a pags to retail le trips and v e circulation tandards or o	e and would est ordinance is set ordinance is set reusable bags activities, the sters. However, would not confisystem. The apther applicable	stablish a ten intended to a second to a second the philip toward rette shift toward ict with an a nticipated che standards re	(10) cent reduce the proposed susable bags and reusable pplicable ange in truck elated to road
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? (Sources: 1)				
	Discussion: The proposed ordinance would not affect air t further analysis is required.	raffic patteri	ns. No impacts	would occur	and no

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d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses? (Sources: 1)				Ø
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access? (Sources: 1)				\square
f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity? (Sources: 1)				
	Discussion d) – \mathbf{f}): The proposed ordinance would not in construction activities that could result in hazards due to a parking capacity. No impacts would occur and no further	a design featt	ire, or inadequ		
g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, o otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? (Sources: 1)	r 🗆			
	Discussion: The proposed ordinance is intended to prome with any programs, policies, or plans supporting alternative further analysis is required.		_		
VII <u>I</u>	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified a a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S, Fish and Wildlife Service? (Sources: 1, 5, 10)				
	Discussion: The City of Huntington Beach shares a direct Located in Orange County's northern coastal area, Huntingsandy beaches backed by low bluffs and mesas, and lowla Huntington Beach is bordered by the Pacific Ocean along Although the City is almost completely urbanized, the Ge	ngton Beach' and areas with an approxim	s geography is h extensive we nately 9.5 mile	characterized tlands. Addit western bour	d by broad, ionally, idary.

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The proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the use of plastic and paper carry-out bags and promote a shift in the use of reuseable bags by Huntington Beach retail customers. Although it is anticipated that the proposed ordinance would not result in adverse impacts related to biological resources, promoting the use of reuseable bags could potentially affect sensitive species if reusable bags are improperly disposed of and become litter that enters the storm drain system and ultimately into coastal and marine environments. Potentially significant impacts to biological resources as they relate to candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations will be analyzed by the project EIR.

resources that exist within and surrounding City limits including marine waters, plant life, and wildlife.

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b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? (Sources: 1, 5, 10)				
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? (Sources: 1, 5, 10)	☑			
	Discussion b) – c): The proposed project involves adopted distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purch charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. development or construction activities that would result in wetlands, and would not alter or remove any existing ripar However, promoting the use of reuseable bags could poter other sensitive natural community if reuseable bags are im deposited into coastal and marine environments. Potentiall to riparian habitats or other sensitive communities identification will be analyzed by the project EIR.	ases citywide The project of removal, fill rian habitat of atially affect properly disply significant	e and would es does not includ- ling, hydrologi- r identified sen protected wetland cosed of and be impacts to bio	tablish a ten le any physic cal interrupti asitive natura ands, a riparisecome litter to logical resou	(10) cent al on, etc. of l community. an habitat or hat is crees related
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? (Sources: 1, 5, 10)				M
	Discussion: There are no known migratory wildlife corrid Huntington Beach. However, various trees, shrubs, bushes potential nesting habitat for a variety of migratory and resinclude any physical development or construction activity vegetation or habitat within the City. Therefore, the project movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildling migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife analysis is not required.	and marine of dent bird speand would not it would not it life species of	ecosystems cou ecies. The prop ot alter or remo nterfere substa r with establish	ald be considered osed project ove any existing antially with the distribution of the constant of the considered of the constant	ered does not ing he sident or
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? (Sources: 1, 5)				Ø
	Discussion: The proposed project does not include any physical with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological analysis is required.	at within the	City. The proje	ect would not	conflict

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f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? (Sources: 1, 5)				abla
	Discussion: The proposed project does not include any proposed not alter or remove any existing vegetation or habit with an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Conservation, or state habitat conservation plan. No impacts we	tat within the munity Conse	City.The projection Plan, or	ect would not or other appr	t conflict oved local,
VIII	MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (Sources: 1, 5)				
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan? (Sources: 1, 5)				☑
	Discussion a) $-$ b): The proposed project involves adopt distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale pure charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags state, regional, or local mineral resources. No impacts we	hases citywid . The propose	le and would en ed ordinance w	stablish a ten ould not affe	(10) cent ect known
	AZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.				
a)	ould the project: Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or dispose of hazardous materials? (Sources: 1, 5)	al 🗆			☑
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? (Sources: 1, 5)				Ø
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous material, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? (Sources 1, 5)				☑

Discussion a) - **c)**: The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the

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distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. Carry-out bags do not meet the criteria of a hazardous substance, and the ordinance would not involve the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. The ordinance does not include any development that would create a significant hazard to the public or environment through upset or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials. Numerous schools exist within the City of Huntington Beach; however, the proposed ordinance would not include any physical elements that would involve the emission or handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

	further analysis is required.				
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? (Sources: 1, 5, 8)				Ø
	Discussion: The proposed citywide ordinance does not inclu would not produce significant hazards to the public or the envious materials site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. is required.	ironment c	reated by activ	ity on a haza	rdous
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or pubic use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (Sources:1, 7)				Ø
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (Sources: 1, 7)				
	Discussion e) – \mathbf{f}): Although the City of Huntington Beach is Forces Training Center in Los Alamitos, the proposed ordinar not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in analysis is required.	nce does no	t include any d	levelopment a	and would
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? (Sources: 1)				
	Discussion: The adoption of an ordinance that would prohibe point of sale purchases citywide and establish a ten (10) cent out bags would not include any development and would not in with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan. No it required.	charge on tl npair imple	he issuance of ementation of o	recyclable pa or physically	per carry- interfere
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss,				

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		injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? (Sources: 1)				
		Discussion: The proposed project does not include any no people or structures to a significant risk associated with w analysis is required.	_			_
X.	<u>N(</u>	DISE. Would the project result in:				
	a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (Sources: 1, 2)	. 🗆			Ø
	b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? (Sources: 1, 2)				
	c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (Sources: 1, 2)				☑
	d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (Sources: 1, 2)				Ø
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources: 1, 7)				Ø
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources: 1, 7)				☑
		Discussion a) – f): The proposed project involves adopted distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purch				

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development, and would not expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of established standards or excessive groundborne vibration or noise levels. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

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su pro the en rat	bstantial adverse physical impacts associated with the ovision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, e construction of which could cause significant vironmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable services; response times or other performance objectives for any the public services:	;					
a)	Fire protection? (Sources: 1)				☑		
b)	Police Protection? (Sources: 1)				Ø		
c)	Schools? (Sources: 1)				\square		
	Discussion a) – c): The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project would not result in new development land use changes resulting in impacts to existing fire and police protection services, or existing school facilities. No impacts would occur and further analysis is not required.						
d)	Parks? (Sources: 1)						
e)	Other public facilities or governmental services? (Sources: 1)			\square			
	Discussion d) – e): The implementation of the proposed ordinance will involve enforcement and education outreach to residents and business owners by City staff. City parks are cleaned and otherwise maintained by City staff on a regular basis. It is not anticipated that prohibiting the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases and establishing a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags will result in significant impacts to parks maintenance. Impacts to city government services and facilitie are anticipated to be less than significant, and no further investigation is required.						
	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the bject:						
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? (Sources: 1)			☑			
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing						

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	drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (Sources: 1) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? (Sources: 1) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it I adequate capacity to serve the project's projected dem in addition to the provider's existing commitments? (Sources: 1) Discussion a) – e): The proposed project involves add distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale put charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out baddition of people or new land uses that would require treatment facilities or exceed wastewater treatment rec Control Board. However, it is expected that the ordina within Huntington Beach. As opposed to plastic carry-multiple times over many months or years. As these be that owners will hand wash or launder the bags. The h reuseable bags in routine laundering would not result it water; therefore, the project would not result in a signipreviously planned for in the 2010 Urban Water Mana occur and no further analysis is required. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal nee (Sources: 1, 11) Discussion: Rainbow Environmental Services (RES) Beach. RES operates a transfer station within Hunting				
c)	-				Ø
d)	project from existing entitlements and resources, or are			Ø	
e)	*			Ø	
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f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? (Sources: 1, 11)			Ø	
	Discussion: Rainbow Environmental Services (RES) is to Beach. RES operates a transfer station within Huntington (MRFs) through which all solid waste is processed. RES'	Beach as we	ell as two Mate	rials Recover	y Facilities

The Orange County Integrated Waste Management Department (IWMD) currently owns and operates three active landfills that serve the Orange County region, including: Frank R. Bowerman Landfill in Irvine; Olinda

per day, and current utilization ranges between 53 and 71 percent. In addition, the two MRFs sort and separate

all waste and recycle all appropriate materials reducing the waste generation going to the landfills.

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Alpha Landfill in Brea; and Prima Deshecha Landfill in San Juan Capistrano. All three landfills are permitted as Class III landfills and have a combined design capacity of 20,500 tons per day. Solid waste from Huntington Beach would be sent to the Frank R. Bowerman Landfill in Irvine with a permitted capacity limit of 8,500 tons per day.

Prior to 2008, Assembly Bill (AB) 939 established a requirement of 50 percent diversion of solid waste by the year 2000. Based on data from 2006, the City of Huntington Beach maintained a 71 percent diversion rate from Orange County landfills, thereby meeting and exceeding the requirement. In 2008, California enacted Senate Bill (SB) 1016, which modified the system of measuring a juridiction's compliance with solid waste disposal requirements previously under AB 939. SB 1016 established a per-capita disposal rate as the instrument of measurement. The City of Huntington Beach is subject to a per resident disposal rate target of 10.4 pounds per person per day (PPD). According to data from annual reports submitted by the City and published by CalRecycle, the City's PPD rate dropped from 5.5 in 2007 to 4.6 in 2009, demonstrating compliance with SB 1016.

The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The proposed ordinance does not include any development or construction activity. The resulting shift towards reusable bags would reuce the amount of plastic and paper carry-out bags that are sent to the local landfill. Thus, the proposed ordinance would reduce the amount of solid waste generated within the City. Impacts would be less than significant and no further analysis is required.

g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? (Sources: 1)				
	Discussion: As discussed above, the adoption of an ordinant bags citywide and establishing a ten (10) cent charge on the incrementally reduce the amount of solid waste generation c bags. The project would comply with regulations pertaining significant and no further analysis is required.	recyclable pap e use of plastic	er carry-out be and paper ca	ags would arry-out	
h)	Include a new or retrofitted storm water treatment control Best Management Practice (BMP), (e.g. water quality treatment basin, constructed treatment wetlands?) (Sources: 1)				V
	Discussion: The project does not include a new or retrofitte would result and further analysis is not required.	d storm wat	er treatment co	ntrol BMP. N	No impacts
XIII	AESTHETICS. Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? (Sources: 1)				
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? (Sources: 1)				

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c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? (Sources: 1)			Ø	
	Discussion a) – c): The proposed project involves adopting distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purcharge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. proposed ordinance is to reduce the amount and visibility improperly disposed of (i.e., not recycled or sent to a land light weight and end up as litter. The City's economy relievable includes regular removal of litter from City beaches State Route 39 (Beach Boulevard) or Highway 1 (Pacific within the City of Huntington Beach, a positive visual imaging limitation of the proposed ordinance would reduce a Beach and improve scenic resources. Therefore, impacts within the city of Huntington Beach, a positive visual imaging limitation of the proposed ordinance would reduce the search and improve scenic resources. Therefore, impacts with required.	nases citywid One of the roof litter asso fill), plastic es on maintains, parks and Coast Highwage on these negative visu	le and would en main objective ciated with plate bags may be blining a clean reother public array) are design two major corral impacts of l	stablish a ten s of implements istic carry-out lown away du ecreation enveas. Also, altated State scoridors is impositter within H	(10) cent nting the t bags. When the to their ironment, hough neither enic highways ortant.
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area (Sources: 1)	· □			Ø
	Discussion: The proposed project does not include any d new source of light or glare. No impacts would occur and	-			eation of a
XIV	CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of historical resource as defined in $\delta15064.5?$ (Sources: 1)	а 🗆			
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to $\delta15064.5?$ (Sources: 1)				Ø
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site unique geologic feature? (Sources: 1)				\square
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? (Sources: 1)				\square

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Discussion a) – **d):** The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. The project does not include any development or alterations of physical sites or structures. The project would not result in substantial adverse changes in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource, directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or geologic feature, nor disturb any human remains. No impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

XV. RECREATION. Would the project:

a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood, community and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? (Sources: 1, 10)		Ø	
b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? (Sources: 1, 10)		Ø	
c)	Affect existing recreational opportunities? (Sources: 1, 10)		\square	

Discussion a)—c): The proposed project involves adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purchases citywide and would establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. As discussed in Section XIII above, beach litter and contamination of other recreational sites can negatively impact recreational opportunities. Plastic debris including plastic carry-out bags contributes to beach and park litter, and the visual impact of litter detracts from people's perceptions of the quality of recreational facilities. The combination of physical contamination of beach areas and the perceived lower quality of coastal waters may negatively impact beach use and recreation.

Negative impacts on the beaches and other aspects of the environment could affect tourism and the City's economy. One of the main objectives of implementing the proposed ordinance is to reduce the amount and visibility of litter associated with plastic carry-out bags, and implementation of the proposed ordinance would reduce negative impacts of litter within Huntington Beach.

The project does not include any development and would not increase the use of existing recreational facilities nor result in physical deterioration of such facilities. The project would not require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, and would reduce negative impacts on existing recreational facilities relating to the visibility and amount of litter. Less than significant impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

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XVI. <u> 4</u>	whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:				
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? (Sources: 1, 2)				Ø
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? (Sources: 1, 2)				
c)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? (Sources: 1, 2)				Ø
	Discussion a) $-$ c): The proposed project involves adopted distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purch charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. would not result in the conversion of Farmland to non-agric which could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agric zoning or a Williamson Act contract. No impacts would on	ases citywid The project cultural use, ultural use,	e and would est does not include, changes in the nor conflict wi	stablish a ten de any develo e existing env th existing ag	(10) cent opment and vironment
XVII	. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the proj	ect:			
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	\square			
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	Ø			
	Discussion a) – b): The proposed project involves adopted distribution of plastic carry-out bags in point of sale purch charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carry-out bags. development, construction activities, or land use changes to the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the amount of the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the proposed ordinance is intended to the proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the proposed ordinance is intended to the proposed ordinance is intended to the proposed ordinance is intended to the	ases citywid The propose hat would co	e and would esed project does ontribute to gre	stablish a ten not include a eenhouse gas	(10) cent any physical emissions.

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shift towards reusable bags. Although overall carry-out bag use is anticipated to decline as a result of the proposed ordinance, the shift toward reusable bags would potentially alter traffic patterns in Huntington Beach related to the transport of plastic and paper carry-out bags as well as processing activities related to bag production and disposal of carry-out bags such that there may be a significant impact on the environment related to greenhouse gas emissions.

The EIR will analyze whether the proposed ordinance would conflict with any plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and evaluate direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions impacts associated with the project.

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VIII	. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.					
a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? (Sources: 1, 6, 10)	☑				
Discussion: As discussed in Section XIV <i>Cultural Resources</i> , the project does not include any development alterations of physical sites or structures. The project would not result in substantial adverse changes in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource, directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or geologic feature, nor disturb any human remains. The project would have no impact on cultural resources.						
	As discussed in Section VII <i>Biological Resources</i> , the City Plan identifies several types of biological resources that eximarine waters, plant life, and wildlife. The proposed ordinal paper carry-out bags and promote a shift in the use of reuses Although it is anticipated that the proposed ordinance would resources, promoting the use of reuseable bags could potent reusable bags are improperly disposed of and become litter into coastal and marine environments. Because the proposed sensitive species or habitat, potentially significant impacts the sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, the project EIR.	st within and some is intendedable bags by Helper and not result in its intended able bags by Helper and not result in its intended and intended able to the intended and intended able to the intended and intended	urrounding of to reduce the funtington B adverse impositive species storm drain buld have the sources as the so	City limits inche use of plaseach retail cuacts related to es and their hasystem and use potential to ney relate to coney rela	cluding tic and stomers. biological abitat if ltimately affect andidate,	
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.) (Sources: 1, 2, 5)	Ø				

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Discussion: The proposed ordinance does have potential air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions and hydrology/water quality impacts that could be significant and cumulatively considerable. These potentially significant impacts will be discussed in the project EIR.

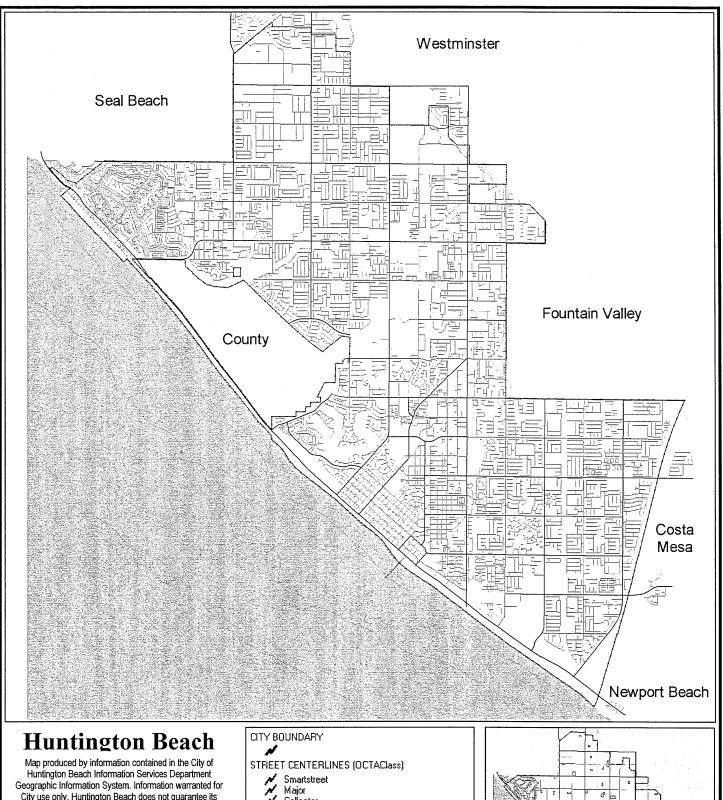
c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either	\square		
	directly or indirectly? (Sources: 1, 2, 5)			

Discussion: The proposed ordinance has potential for adverse effects to human beings related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and hydrology/water quality. The potential for significant impacts will be discussed in the project EIR.

XIX. EARLIER ANALYSIS/SOURCE LIST.

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). Earlier documents prepared and utilized in this analysis and referenced sources are as follows:

Reference #	Document Title	Available for Review at:
1	City of Huntington Beach General Plan	City of Huntington Beach Planning & Building Dept., Planning/Zoning Information Counter, 2000 Main Street, 3 rd Floor, Huntington Beach, and at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/gp
2	City of Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance	City of Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office, 2000 Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Huntington Beach, and at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/charter_codes
3	Huntington Beach Map	Attachment No. 1
4	FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (December 3, 2009)	City of Huntington Beach Planning & Building Dept., Planning/Zoning Information Counter, 2000 Main Street, 3 rd Floor, Huntington Beach, and at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/flood
5	CEQA Air Quality Handbook South Coast Air Quality Management District (1993)	u
6	City of Huntington Beach CEQA Procedure Handbook	u
7	Airport Environs Land Use Plan for Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos (Oct. 17, 2002)	u
8	Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List	www.calepa.gov/sitecleanup/cortese
9	City of Huntington Beach Municipal Code	City of Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office, 2000 Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Huntington Beach, and at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/charter_codes
10	Green Cities California Master Environmental Assessment	http://www.greencitiescalifornia.org/mea
11	CalRecycle Jurisdiction Diversion/Disposal Rate Summary	http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/Tools/MARS/DRMCMain.asp



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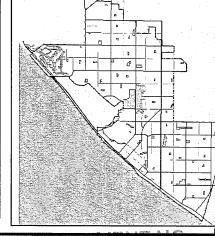
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